

# NATO Spy Uncovered, French Say

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PARIS — A bizarre tale of enemy espionage being conducted under the noses of top officials of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization is unfolding in a Paris jail cell.

Top agents of the "Direction de La Surveillance du Territoire," France's anti-espionage force, said they are getting the story from daily cell interviews with a man who formerly worked as chief of the documents section of Atlantic alliance NATO headquarters in Brussels, Belgium.

A French national, the prisoner is accused of having photographed important military and political papers, sending the films to intelligence chief of an unspecified Iron Curtain nation.

**HIS CONSIDERABLE** income from spying enabled the former trusted employee to reap the pleasures of having a beautiful blonde Hungarian mistress and staging riotous champagne parties for mini-skirted stenographers right in the NATO headquarters dining room, DST agents said.

The DST identified the prisoner as Francois Roussilhe, 40, married and the father of three. The agents said Roussilhe was on the NATO staff when the Atlantic alliance was headquartered in Paris. After Charles DeGaulle threw the office out of France two years ago, Roussilhe moved with the organization to its present quarters in Brussels.

It was then, the DST said, that the Frenchman's alleged spying activities began—or at least when he began exhibiting the affluence stemming from this added income.

**THE DOCUMENTS** which Roussilhe photographed for his

Communist employers — and which certainly reached their hands—were described by the DST investigators as of "cosmic importance", consisting of many military secrets then known only to a handful of top NATO officials.

The DST said the actions leading to Roussilhe's downfall began with the defection of highly-placed Czechoslovak intelligence officer who spilled everything to the Central Intelligence Agency. His information pointed to Roussilhe, according to the DST.

Belgian authorities were alerted and began a quiet investigation, learning quickly that Roussilhe was living suspiciously high for a man who earned only a moderate salary from NATO.

Checking into Roussilhe's background, they discovered that the Frenchman, who had left his family behind in Paris, not only had acquired the mistress but was showering her with expensive gifts, including an automobile.

**DISCREET** inquiries also turned up information on the lively champagne parties, for which Roussilhe picked up the tab.

DST officials said the information they have been able to elicit from Roussilhe will be turned over to a Parisian examining magistrate for prosecution.

Roussilhe is the second Frenchman accused of handing NATO secrets to the Communists. Six years ago to the date of Roussilhe's arrest investigators pounced on Georges Paques, head of the NATO press section, who, they said, confessed to having spied for the Russians for more than a decade.